

Attending to the Ethics of Community-Based Research

Presented by the Community Research Ethics Office



Who We Are

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What We Do

PURPOSE:

To offer a supportive environment that encourages community researchers to participate and collaborate in a process of reflection that promotes awareness of ethical issues and maximizes the ethical conduct of research.

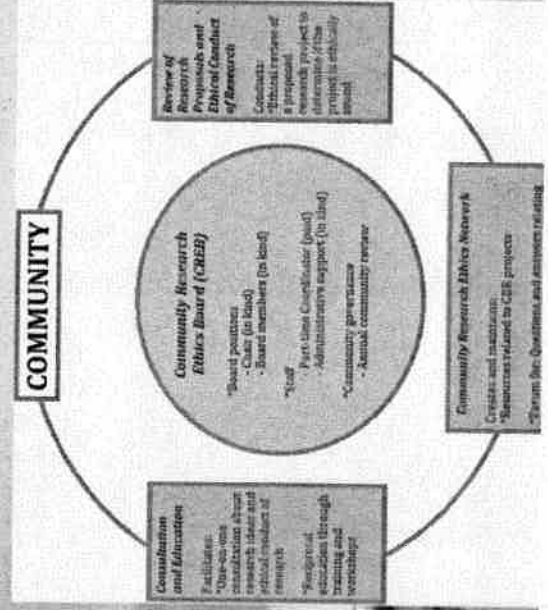
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Workshops:

- Am I Being Ethical In My Treatment of Participants and Communities?
- What Are the Ethical Considerations in PAR?

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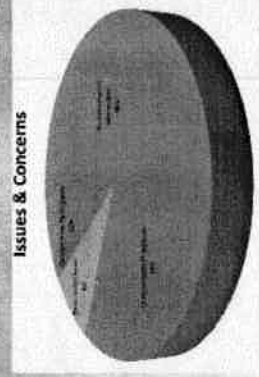
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University of Liverpool
WoodGreen Community Services

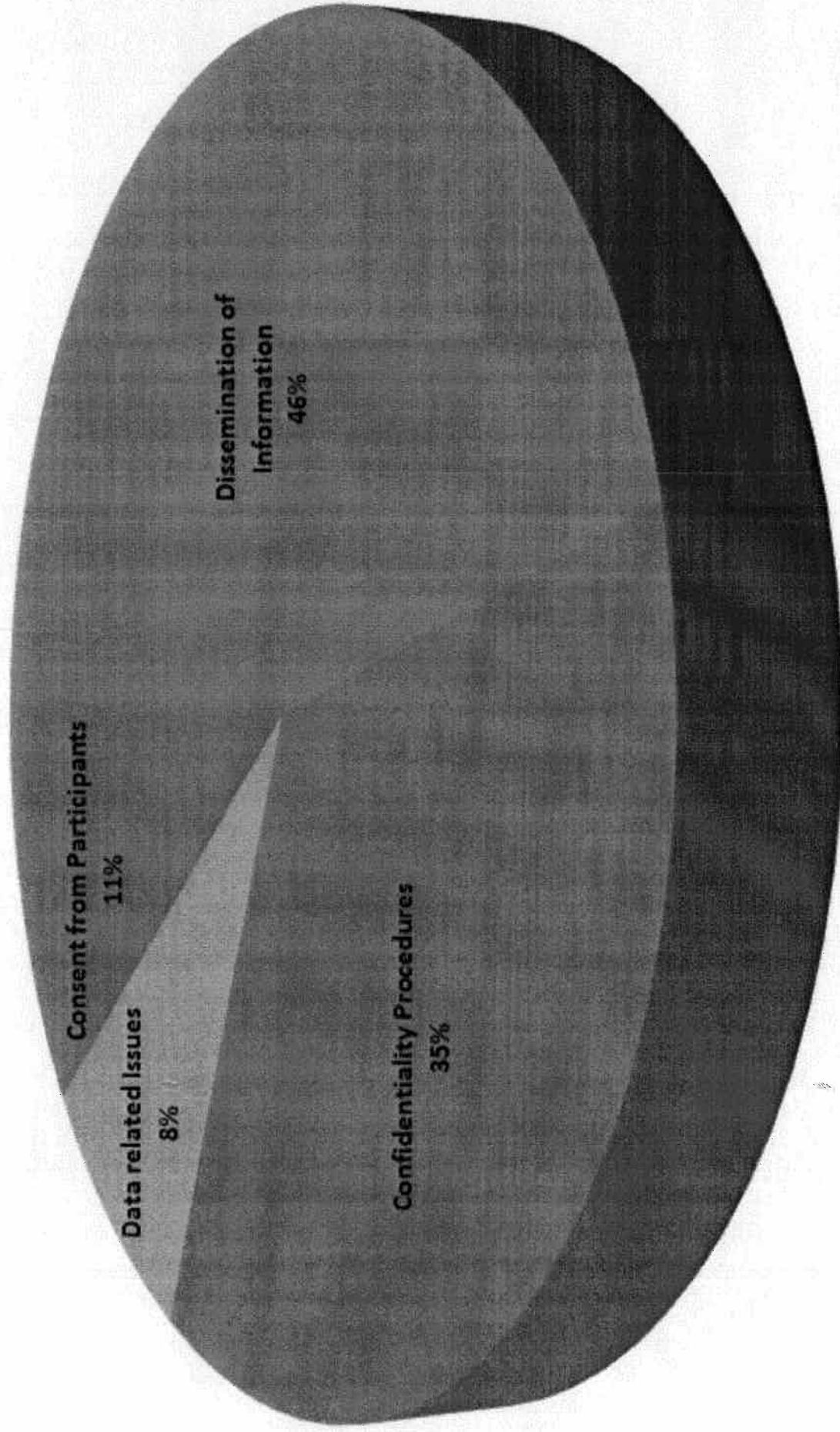
Issues & Concerns About Research

Four themes identified:

1. Dissemination of information
2. Confidentiality procedures
3. Data collection, input, analysis
4. Consent from participants



Issues & Concerns



General Observations

High quality

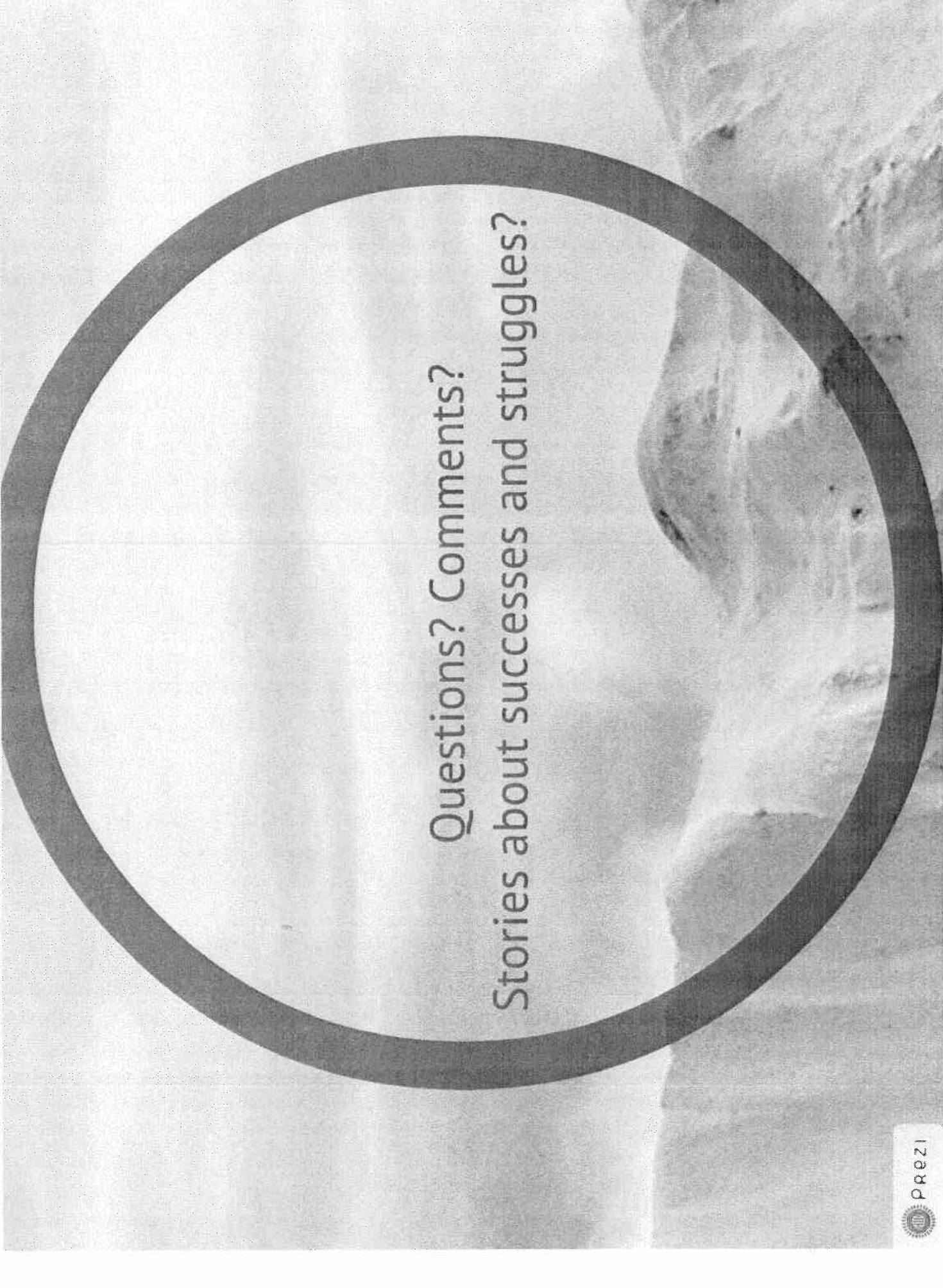
High awareness

CREO is appreciated

Requests from outside the Region of Waterloo

However,

1. Demand
2. Membership
3. Sustainability



Questions? Comments?
Stories about successes and struggles?